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SUBJ: SHARIF-EMAMI SWORN IN AS PRIME MINISTER WITH NEW
CABINET

1. ABOUT 1030 LOCAL TIME AUG 27 SENATE PRESIDENT JAFAR SHARIF-EMAMI BECAME IRAN'S PRIME MINISTER AND PRESENTED HIS NEW CABINET TO THE SHAH. SHARIF-EMAMI MADE TWO MAJOR POINTS DURING HIS PRESENTATION TO THE THRONE: A) ANYONE IS FREE TO ENTER POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN ANY LEGAL POLITICAL PARTY (THIS PRESUMABLY EXCLUDES ONLY THE COMMUNIST TUDEH PARTY); B) IRAN WILL REVERT TO USING THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR INSTEAD OF THE IMPERIAL CALENDAR BASED ON THE FOUNDING OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE.

2. THERE ARE 15 NEW FACES IN THE 21 MAN CABINET. REMAINING WERE THE FOLLOWING: KARIM MOTAMEDI, MIN. OF POST AND TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE; MANUCHEHR GANJI, MIN. OF EDUCATION; GEN REZA AZIMI, MINISTER OF WAR; MINMOJHDEHI, MIN. OF HEALTH; MOHAMMED YEGANEH, MIN. OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE,
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REZA AMIN, MIN OF INDUSTRY AND MINES. THE NEW MINISTERS INCLUDE: KHOSROW AFSHAR-GHASSEMLOU, MIN. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; MOHAMMED BAHERI, MIN. OF JUSTICE; KAZEM VADIEL, MIN. OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; HUSHANG NAHAVANDI MIN. OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION; GEN. ABASS GHARABAGHI, MIN. OF INTERIOR; MOHSEN FOROGHI, MIN. OF CULTURE AND ARTS; AMIR PARVIZ, MIN. OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT;

MAHD MINA, MIN. OF POWER; BAGHER AMELI-TEHRANIE, MIN. OF INFORMATION; HASSAN ALI MEHRAN, MIN. OF STATE FOR PLAN AND BUDGET; ESSATULLAH YAZDANPANAN, MIN. OF STATE; MANUCHEHR ZZOMOUN, MIN. OF STATE FOR EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS; HASSAN CHALCHIAN, MIN. OF ROADSND COMMUNICATIONS; PARVIZ AVINI, MIN. OF HOUSING; MOHAMMAD RAZI VISHKAHI. MIN. OF TRADE.

3. BULK OF NEW MEN HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN POLITICS AT SOME POINT IN PST, BUT NOT INVOLVED IN RECENT GOVERNMENTS. MAJOR CHANGES OF INTEREST ARE AFSHAR-GHASSEMLOU APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER, GENDARMERIE CHIEF GHARABAGHI'S ASSUMPTION OF INTERIOR PORTFOLIO AND THE DUMPING OF ROYAL FAMILY MEMBER MEHRDAD PAHLBOD AS MINISTER OF CULTURE AND ARTS. EMBASSY WILL BE PROVIDING BIO DATA AND FURTHER ANALYSIS IN DAYS TO COME.
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